

School of Public Policy and Administration

NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020 SPPA AWARDS: Nomination Deadline extended to Monday, May 4, 2020

The **Undergraduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent undergraduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Graduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent graduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Alumni Recognition Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one alumnus/alumna to the activities and programs of the School, as well as to the mentoring of its students and new professionals.

The **Foster – Greene Award for Excellence in Public Policy, Administration and Law** recognizes an alumnus/alumna of the MPPAL program whose work has demonstrably and significantly advanced social justice, human rights, ethics and good governance in congruence with the MPPAL program's founding principles. The Award recipient will normally have min. 10 years of work experience in the broader public/NGO sector.

The **Emerging Leader Award** recognizes a current student or recent alumnus/alumna of the School who is an emerging leader within the broader public sector (including the non-profit sector) and represents the ideals, values and abilities of sound, responsible and engaging public policy and administration in congruence with the School's vision to promote Good Governance. The Award recipient will normally have 5-8 years of work experience in the broader public sector.

The **Practicum Honouree Award** recognizes individuals who have made exceptional efforts to provide practicum opportunities for the School's fourth-year students.

The 2019 award winners were honoured at the SPPA dinner with the keynote address delivered by Jim Cassimatis, York PPA Alumnus and Interim Associate Deputy Minister of ServiceOntario.

For further details about the 2019 awards celebration, please [click here](#).

Nominations for the above awards are invited from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as associations of students, alumni, and friends of the School. Nominations require a one page statement of the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of his or her resume.

Please forward materials, or questions, via email to:

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PPASA Executive Council 2020-2021



Hello PPASA Students! ***We are pleased to announce the newly elected Executive Council for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year.***

On behalf of the School of Public Policy and Administration faculty and staff, we would like to thank the outgoing 2019-2020 PPASA Executive Council for all of their hard work and wonderful contributions this year! We would also like to congratulate all members elected to the 2020-2021 PPASA Executive Council. ***We wish each of you a successful and great year ahead in your new roles!***

President: Director of Marketing and Social Media:
Khushbu Dhaliwal (acclaimed) Rean Pelayo (acclaimed)

Vice President: Director of Recruitment:
Patricia Cobarrubias (acclaimed) Vinita Kalia (acclaimed)

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Jenning Cheung (acclaimed) Andrew Camacho (acclaimed)

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Alana Silva (acclaimed) Wen Jie Matthew Ko (acclaimed)

Director of Professional Communications:
Milena Basciano (acclaimed)

The Public Policy and Administration Student Association would like thank all students and staff for a wonderful year! We are looking forward to another successful year with our new team!

Please feel free to reach out to ppasa.york@gmail.com for any questions.

Writing Centre Director's Message - Writing Centre Procedures During the Coronavirus Outbreak

As you will have heard by now, the University is switching to online-only instruction starting Monday, March 16. **This means that the Writing Centre must also go 100% online**, and we have been preparing for just this eventuality. Unfortunately, however, that means that the actual physical space of the Writing Centre, on 3rd Floor Ross, will no longer be assisting students directly. We have also been forced to cancel all remaining “in-person” or group activities in the Writing Centre for the remainder of the Winter term. This includes in person one-to-one meetings, all drop-ins (in S311 Ross and in the Library), all workshops and seminars, and any further meetings of the Multilingual Writing Studio.

Members of the Dr. Keith O’Regan-led Thesis Café will be contacted by Dr. O’Regan to arrange further meetings via videoconferencing. The ESL Open Learning Centre will also be in contact with their students about possible online group activities.

However, we are still open and helping students to the extent possible. If you visit **our website** (<https://writing-centre.writ.laps.yorku.ca/>) you’ll see that our instructors have shifted online to provide both **real-time (synchronous) one-to-ones via video chat**, and **“asynchronous tutoring”** – where you upload your paper to our website, and an instructor will reply with feedback within 24 hours.

If you’d like to book an appointment, please visit **the Writing Centre schedule**, and look for your favourite instructor. The Instructors available for online one-to-one appointments will be marked “Online Only.” Instructors available for asynchronous tutoring will be labelled “Etutor Only”. Please note: you must have a working camera attached to your computer in order to properly participate in online synchronous sessions. Instructors will not be able to call you at home or consult with you over the phone. The other normal conventions of the Writing Centre still apply— you may book one appointment a week in normal circumstances. If you have been meeting with a Learning Disability Specialist, please call the Writing Centre and ask to speak to James Robertson (416-736-2100 x22036). An online one-to-on Video chat will be scheduled for you.

Students can register and book appointments here: <https://writing-centre.writ.laps.yorku.ca/enrol/> **If you encounter difficulties with scheduling online appointments, please call the Writing Centre front desk at 416-736-2100 x55234.**

Finally, we very much hope that we will be able to continue to help you on your assignments etc. during this difficult time. Our faculty and staff are here to assist!

[Strategy Advisor Development \(7 positions plus 3 positions\) - Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development](#)

The Labour Ministry is hiring for a total of 10 temporary positions across three branches. In these roles you will lead and conduct evidence-based policy research, analysis and synthesis to formulate recommendations, strategies and policy options for senior management; design complex evaluative initiatives and studies to support policy and program recommendations on current and emerging issues affecting health and safety prevention; and provide technical leadership and coordination in the development of program, policy options, directives and implementation plans.

[Plastics Campaigner - Oceana](#)

Oceana are seeking a Plastics Campaigner who will support their work to reduce single-use plastics in Canada. The incumbent is preferably bilingual in French and English and will work in Oceana's Ottawa or Toronto office, with Ottawa being the ideal location. The Campaigner will work with a multidisciplinary team to develop and execute Oceana Canada's campaign to end single-use plastics by calling for plastic-free policies, public spaces and consumer choices. This position requires strong persuasion, communications, problem-solving, project management and grassroots campaigning skills. The ideal candidate is action- and detail-oriented, with experience working collaboratively to advance policy. The Campaigner will report to the Campaign Director, based in Ottawa.

[Regulatory Affairs Consultant - Toronto Hydro](#)

The Regulatory Affairs Consultant (Government Relations) will be responsible for leading detailed policy research, engaging with internal and external stakeholders, providing advice to senior leaders and to advance the organization's policy and government relations interests. The successful candidate will join a team of policy and government relations professionals responsible for managing relationships at the municipal, provincial and federal level.

[First Nations, Inuit and Metis Lead - Canadian Partnership Against Cancer](#)

The lead will be responsible for embedding the First Nations, Inuit and Métis priorities across the work of the relevant portfolio of initiatives, related to CPAC's 2022 outcomes and new work in the refreshed strategy. A key focus for the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Lead will be planning and scoping work related to the suspicion to diagnosis project that is at the onset of planning, in addition to synoptic surgery/pathology and survivorship initiatives. The First Nations, Inuit and Métis Lead will collaborate with multiple stakeholders, including internal staff, external advisory groups, patient and family representatives and First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners to effectively contribute to the success of the work.

[Research Assistant - Indspire](#)

Indspire is currently seeking two (2) Indigenous students or Indigenous recent graduates to join their Research Knowledge Nest's as Research Assistants. This 12-month paid contract (May 2020-April 2021) will give you the opportunity to develop your research and analytical skills in a supportive, employee-centered environment. In these roles, Indigenous students and Indigenous recent graduates have an opportunity to take on research in an environment curated to develop research skills, build a professional network and experience different applications of research in the workforce. The successful candidates will be mentored by Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers, produce original research and reporting, support knowledge mobilization and learn from various experts. At the end of the contract, it is expected that the individuals will successfully apply for graduate school and/or applied research roles.

[McIntruff Fellowship in Gender Budgeting - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#)

Under the supervision of a Senior Researcher, the Fellowship holder will participate in the development of a Gender Budget Portal and produce related public policy materials for publication. This is a full time summer position (May-August) based in Ottawa.



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[Director, Government Relations - Toronto Region Board of Trade](#)

The Toronto Region Board of Trade (the Board) is seeking an experienced government relations and issues management professional to join as Director, Government Relations. Reporting to the VP, Public Affairs, the Director will be responsible for increasing the Board's influence and advocate for various policy priorities. The Director will lead the development and execution of government relations strategies, while fostering and leading mutually beneficial working relationships with various government stakeholders so that the Board's interactions are strategic, coordinated, and consistent. The Director will advocate relevant interests effectively and thoughtfully to ensure the Board's position is clear and well-integrated across the organization.

[Analyst, Research and Policy - Region of Peel](#)

As an Analyst, Research & Policy, you will work collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary setting to contribute to the development, implementation & evaluation of population health approaches. You will use methods including research reviews, environmental scans, community assessments, policy analyses, performance measurement, and the application and use of health status and surveillance data to advance the strategic and operational work of the Family Health Division.

[Policy Analyst for Technology, Cybersecurity and Democracy Program - Ryerson Leadership Lab](#)

The Policy Analyst, Technology, Cybersecurity & Democracy Program produces quantitative and qualitative research, analysis, and written products and supports the Ryerson Leadership Lab in building a robust, data driven and, public policy-informed picture of major issues related to public policy on technology, cybersecurity and democracy in Canada, and of how Canadians from different communities interact with this landscape. The Policy Analyst works with the Project Manager, Director and the broader team to develop actionable policy recommendations, and to inform the design of pilots, programs, and other initiatives related to public policies that impact technology, cybersecurity and democracy. You will be assisting with policy development, research and public engagement to rebuild trust, security and privacy in our digital platforms like social media, the Internet of Things and biometrics. If you have a passion for policy, believe in the responsible governance of technology, and are an action-oriented change-maker, this is your opportunity to join RLL in creating a more trustworthy, inclusive society. For more information, [click here](#).

[Policy Analyst - Sheridan College](#)

Reporting to the General Counsel, the Policy Analyst is responsible for managing Sheridan's entire policy program. The incumbent chairs the Administrative Policy Committee and is a resource for academic and Board policies. The incumbent develops yearly policy plans, maintains the policy register, and ensures policies are reviewed and updated in a timely manner. The incumbent works with internal stakeholders to consult on procedures and processes within the institution, as well as leads on policy/procedure development, research, and writing, and ensuring consistency in policies and procedures. Staying current on government legislation and regulations to ensure Sheridan's policies remain compliant is also key to the role.